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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 28, 45, 46, and 52 as follows (a complete listing of all the claims appears below):

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

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Claim 28 (currently amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

- a) a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard;
- b) a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard; and
- c) a control unit, which sets one of said first communication interface and said second communication interface in a passive state, which cannot be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the other of said first communication interface and said second communication interface is set in an active state, and sets said first communication interface in a passive state if said second communication interface is set in an active state which can be used to communicate with another apparatus.

Claims 29-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein

the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard.

Claim 33 (previously amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said imaging apparatus is a video camera.

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Claim 34 (previously amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 35 (previously amended): An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

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Claims 36-41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (currently amended): A method of controlling an imaging apparatus that includes a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard, and a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard, said method comprising the steps a step of:

setting one of the first communication interface and the second communication interface in a passive state, which cannot be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the

other of the first communication interface and the second communication interface is set in an active state; and

setting the first communication interface in a passive state if the second communication unit is set in an active state, which can be used to communicate with another apparatus.

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Claim 46 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control unit sets said first communication interface in an the active state if another apparatus is connected to said first communication interface, and sets said second communication interface in an the active state is changed to a disconnected state, and sets said second communication interface in an active state if another apparatus is disconnected from said first communication interface in an active state is changed to a disconnected state.

Claim 47 (previously amended): An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 48 (previously amended): A method according to claim 42, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE1394 standard.

Claim 49 (previously amended): A method according to claim 42, wherein the

imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 50 (previously amended): A method according to claim 42, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

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Claim 51 (previously amended): A method according to claim 48, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method according to claim 42, further comprising the steps of:

setting the first communication interface in ~~an~~ the active state if another apparatus is connected to the first communication interface ~~the second communication interface in an active state is changed to a disconnected state;~~ and

setting the second communication interface in ~~an~~ the active state if the another apparatus is disconnected from the first communication interface ~~in an active state is changed to a disconnected state.~~

Claim 53 (previously amended): A method according to claim 52, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication

standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 54 (previously added): An apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 55 (previously added): An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 56 (previously added): A method according to claim 51, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 57 (previously added): A method according to 53, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.